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SUBJECT: IEA ALLOCATION SYSTEMS TEST

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO J. WALLACE HOPKINS,  
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY FROM  
GERALD A. ROSEN, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FUELS AND ENERGY.

QUOTE: YOU HAVE ASKED FOR A PRELIMINARY INDICATION OF  
WHETHER THE US GOVERNMENT CAN ACCEPT USE OF THE DATA BASE  
WHICH IS PROPOSED FOR THE SPRING ALLOCATIONS SYSTEMS TEST.  
IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE DATA TO BE USED IN THE APRIL/MAY  
1978 ALLOCATION SYSTEMS TEST WOULD BE DATA FOR THE MONTHS  
AUGUST THROUGH DECEMBER 1977.

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SEVERAL QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED AS TO WHETHER THE  
BASING OF THE TEST ON SUCH RELATIVELY RECENT DATA MIGHT  
PRESENT PROBLEMS FROM A COMPETITIVE POINT OF VIEW WHICH  
WOULD COMPEL US TO RECOMMEND AGAINST ITS USE. WE HAVE  
EVALUATED THIS QUESTION THOROUGHLY AND HAVE HELD INFORMAL  
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE STAFFS OF ALL INTERESTED US GOVERN-

MENTAL AGENCIES. FOR THE REASONS SET OUT BELOW, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE USE OF THIS DATA BASE WOULD PRESENT ANY SIGNIFICANT ANTI-COMPETITIVE POTENTIAL AND THEREFORE, WE

DO NOT OBJECT TO THE USE OF THE DATA BASE, PROVIDED THAT THE COLLECTION AND UTILIZATION OF THE DATA IS CARRIED OUT IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED BELOW.

FIRST, ALMOST ALL OF THE DATA WHICH WOULD BE SUBMITTED BY THE REPORTING COMPANIES ON QUESTIONNAIRE A WOULD NOT BE THE ACTUAL DATA FOR THE MONTHS IN QUESTION BUT WOULD BE ACTUAL DATA AS DISRUPTED BY THE HYPOTHETICAL SUPPLY DISRUPTION. SINCE REPORTING COMPANIES HAVE CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY IN REPORTING ON THE QUESTIONNAIRE A AS TO HOW THE DISRUPTION ACTUALLY IMPACTS ON THEIR IMPORTS, EXPORTS, ETC., IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, FOR SOMEONE TO DERIVE THE ACTUAL DATA FROM THE DISRUPTED DATA.

SECOND, AS YOU NOTED IN YOUR LETTER, THE SECRETARIAT IS PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH COMPANIES IN DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ACTUAL DATA BASE. THIS MEANS THAT NO COMPANY WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ITS ACTUAL DATA EVEN IN INSTANCES WHERE THE HYPOTHETICAL DISRUPTION MIGHT NOT HAVE AFFECTED A PARTICULAR COMPANY'S CRUDE AVAILABILITY.  
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THIRD, ACTUAL INVENTORY DATA WILL BE SUBMITTED ONLY FOR AUGUST 1, 1977 AND THIS FIGURE WILL BE AN AGGREGATE OF ALL INVENTORY SUBCATEGORIES.

FOURTH, THE ISAG MEMBERS WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS TO ANY ACTUAL DATA. THE QUESTIONNAIRE A'S AND B'S WHICH ARE TO BE SUBMITTED AS PART OF THE FALL 1977 DATA TEST WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO THE ISAG.

IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE FACTS, WE DO NOT OBJECT TO THE USE OF THE DATA BASE AS PLANNED BY THE SECRETARIAT. I AM SURE THAT YOU REALIZE THAT THIS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE OFFICIAL APPROVAL OF THE PARTICIPATION OF US COMPANIES IN THE ALLOCATION SYSTEMS TEST. SUCH OFFICIAL APPROVAL, AS WELL AS ANY LIMITATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO US COMPANY PARTICIPATION WHICH MAY BE APPROPRIATE, WILL BE CONSIDERED LATER. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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